

COUNCIL BRIEFS

June 3, 2016

Celebrate West Hartford!: West Hartford's signature event held on June 4th and 5th on the town hall grounds will feature our award-winning school bands and top-notch professional entertainment on the Show Stage, and includes a huge food court featuring festival favorites as well as delicious samplings from some of West Hartford's finest restaurants, markets and caterers. There will be games and activities, carnival rides and a juried arts and crafts show featuring the original works of 175 master artists and crafters. On Sunday there's a 5K road race and Kids Fun Run. The event runs Saturday from 10AM to 6PM and Sunday from 12PM to 6PM, rain or shine.

MADD Awards: Each year Mothers Against Drunk Driving honors police officers from around the state for their work with DWI enforcement and education. At their award ceremony held on May 24, Officer Jeffrey Swank and Officer Daniel Bedford were honored for their commitment to keeping the roadways of West Hartford safe for all motorists and pedestrians. The two officers made 96 arrests and had been active in educating high school and college students about the dangers of driving while under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Officer Swank and Officer Bedford are assigned to the Traffic Division and the Crash Reconstruction Team.

Last Round of Yard Waste Collection: The Department of Public Works will make its last town-wide collection of Spring Yard Waste during the week of June 6-10. Place leaves, pine needles, pine cones, acorns, twigs, dead plant matter and thatch in 30-gallon paper biodegradable bags and put the bags at the curb by 6:00 AM on your trash collection day.

Summer Brainstorm: West Hartford Leisure Services' Summer Brainstorm for kids ages 8 through 12 brings education and recreation together in an exciting environment of fun-based learning sure to get children's brains working in new and creative ways. Children

choose two of the following: multi-media, animation, science, Japanese lantern building, music and songwriting, a Parisian-themed program, geocaching, and forest exploration. The camp will be held July 13-17 at Wolcott Elementary School.

West Hartford Senior Center pays it forward: The Senior Center in Bishops Corner recently donated eight boxes of gently used books, new hand-knitted scarves and hats, and toiletries to the Connecticut Alliance for Victims of Violence and Their Families Inc. ([CT-ALIVE](#)) of West Hartford, CT. "The senior center had an abundance of donated books in its closets and the time came to share the excess with others" said Senior Center Director Gina Marino. The senior center is pleased to support community partners in need.

New Park Avenue Workshop #2: Please join us on Thursday, June 9 at 3:30 PM or 6:30 PM at Elmwood Community Center to hear about the progress we have made in evaluating potential complete street improvements and possible amendments to the zoning ordinances along the New Park Avenue Corridor. We will also continue the discussion about enhancing pedestrian and bicycle connectivity and building a more vibrant neighborhood. Not able to make the workshop? Not a problem! Please take a few minutes and [complete this survey](#) to help us better understand how New Park Avenue operates today and how it can be improved.

First round of street paving underway: The Town is in the process of repaving the following roadways as part of its first round of milling and paving (additional streets are slated for repaving in July and September):

- Brook Street
- Douglas Circle
- Drury Lane
- Goodwin Place
- Hall Street
- Maiden Lane
- Winterset Lane
- Timberwood Road

Ronald F. Van Winkle
Town Manager